

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 7, and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 through 4, 6, 8 through 16, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a dependent media track, ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track;~~ the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, ~~in an order;~~ a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a ~~corresponding sequence of source~~ source media items in ~~the a~~ a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes for ~~corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track~~ that are independent of time; and

generating ~~the a~~ dependent media track item in the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of said~~ in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track. ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged;~~

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the further steps of:

~~re-ordering~~ re-arranging the ~~sub-set~~ of EDL elements; and

re-generating the dependent media item in the dependent media track ~~dependent upon~~ at least some of said in accordance with the track control attributes, and the re-arranged sequence of EDL elements, and another dependent media item in the dependent media track ~~order in which~~ the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the ~~re-ordering~~ re-arranging step comprises deletion of at least one ~~of the sub-set~~ of the EDL elements.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2 and 3~~ claim 1, wherein commencement of the dependent media track is in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the ~~sub-set~~ sequence of the EDL elements.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2 and 3~~ claim 1, wherein termination of the dependent media track is in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the ~~sub-set~~ sequence of the EDL elements.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the dependent media track is a graphical overlay that is copied from a template which is referenced by one of ~~said~~ the track control ~~elements~~ attributes.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the~~ a copy of the template is transformed to ~~thereby~~ form the dependent media track.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~a said~~ the dependent media item in the ~~source~~ dependent media track comprises a copy of ~~[[a]]~~ the source media item, in the source media track, which is referenced by a ~~corresponding said~~ track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of EDL elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the~~ a copy of the source media item is transformed to ~~thereby~~ form the dependent media item in the ~~source~~ dependent media track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~a said~~ the track control attribute comprises one of an attribute to activate a dependent media item in the dependent media track and an attribute to deactivate the dependent media item in the dependent media track.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a dependent media track, ~~that is loosely synchronized to a source media track~~ the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for (i) arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements ~~in an order for source media items in a source media track~~, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track~~, and (ii) producing a sequence of media items in a source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and

means for generating ~~the a dependent media track item in the dependent media track dependent upon at least some of said in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track~~, ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged~~, wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 13 wherein ~~the said~~ editor is adapted for ~~re-ordering~~ re-arranging the sub-set of EDL elements, and wherein said means for generating the dependent media track is adapted for re-generating the dependent media track ~~dependent upon at least some of in accordance with said the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track~~ ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is re-ordered~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product including~~ a computer readable disk or storage medium device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a ~~procedure~~ method for generating a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track~~, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging, ~~in an order~~, a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a ~~corresponding sequence of~~ source media items in a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track; and

generating ~~the~~ a dependent media track item in the dependent media track dependent upon ~~at least some of said~~ in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track, ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged~~;

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product including~~ a computer readable disk or storage medium device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a procedure for generating a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track~~, the

~~dependent media track~~ comprising a sequence of dependent media items, said program comprising:

code for arranging, ~~in an order~~, a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements for a ~~corresponding sequence of~~ source media items in a source media track, wherein ~~at least an ordered sub-set of the sequence of~~ EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time; and for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track; and

code for generating ~~the~~ a dependent media item in the dependent media track dependent upon at least some of in accordance with said the track control attributes and ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged~~; another dependent media item in the dependent media track.

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is in accordance with a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL elements in the sub-set.~~

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a ~~sequence of media items in a source media track~~, the source media track comprising a sequence of source media items, and a dependent media track ~~that is loosely synchronised to a source media track~~, the dependent media track comprising a sequence of dependent media items, ~~the media items and the dependent media track having been~~ being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of Edit Decision List (EDL) elements, ~~in an order~~, wherein at least an ordered sub-set of the EDL elements contain track control attributes that are independent of time for corresponding dependent media items in the dependent media track; and

~~producing the sequence of media items in the source track dependent upon at least some of the sequence EDL elements; and~~

generating ~~the a~~ dependent media track item in the dependent media track dependent upon at least some of said in accordance with the track control attributes and another dependent media item in the dependent media track, ~~the order in which the sub-set of EDL elements is arranged;~~

~~wherein at least one dependent media item in the dependent track is dependent upon a track control attribute in an EDL element in the neighborhood of the corresponding EDL element in the sub-set.~~